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Town Board Sets Date For Special Election Seeking Approval To Issue Bonds

Meeting in special session here last Friday afternoon, Commissioners for the Town of Hertford adopted a resolution setting Tuesday, September 29, 1959, as a date for holding a special election in which the Town will seek approval of the voters to issue bonds in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for installing a new water system in Hertford.

A copy of the notice of the said special election is published elsewhere in this edition of The Weekly.

The approval of the bond issue by the voters will enable the Town Board to proceed with its water improvement program which got under way last year when the Town drilled a new deep well to supply water to the community. The well which was brought in will provide a water supply which tests show to be vastly improved over the present supply and also almost doubles the capacity furnished by the present system.

In announcing the date for the special election Mayor V. N. Darden stated the Town Board will hold a public meeting, in the Court House in Hertford, on the night of September 24 at which time the entire program will be outlined to the residents of the town and all questions concerning the program including issuance and repayment of the bonds, will be explained.

He also stated the program has met with the approval of the Local Government Commission and according to a schedule of payment of bonds over a period of some 20 years no increase in taxes will be necessary to finance the project.

Architects and engineers conducted surveys of the needs of

the town for modernizing the water system, and recommendations submitted will be carried out in the event the bond issue is approved and the program goes forward.

A finance report, given the Commissioners by CPA auditors on Monday night, revealed the town's present total indebtedness is around \$35,000 and of this amount \$15,000 is due during 1960, leaving the town with only a \$16,000 debt.

According to a survey submitted by Wm. F. Freeman Co., of High Point, the current capacity of the town's water system is 250,000 gallons per day while demand is running at about 215,000 gallons per day. The maximum capacity is based upon 24 hours operation of the system, which is supplied from some 80 shallow wells. The new deep well, located about 1/2 of a mile south of Hertford, has a capacity of supplying 300 gallons of water per minute or a total of 432,000 gallons per day.

The survey points out, however, in order for the town to utilize this new source there is need for working over and renovating the present filter plant.

Costs for drilling the new well have been paid but the need for additional funds to complete the project makes it necessary for the Town Board to seek authority to issue the bonds, since the estimated cost of piping the new water supply to the filter plant and renovating the plant is a greater sum than the town can finance within one year.

Mayor Darden urges each resident of the town to remember the date for the public meeting on this program and he requests each and every citizen to turn out for the discussion of the project.

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Rev. V. W. Evans To Preach At Bethel Church On Sunday



REV. V. W. EVANS

In commemoration of the tenth year since the ordination of the Rev. V. W. Evans to the ministry in the Bethel Baptist Church, the church members have invited him to occupy the pulpit this Sunday, August 30.

Mr. Evans is a native of this area. He graduated from Perquimans High School in 1947 and was ordained a Baptist minister in 1949. He received the BA degree from Wake Forest College in 1952 and the BD degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1957. He has held pastorates in central and eastern North Carolina and in Virginia.

At present Mr. Evans is serving as pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Va. During his brief ministry at Riverside he has enjoyed the privilege of seeing the active church membership more than doubled and there has been considerable growth in the overall church program.

The Rev. Bryan W. Holloman, Jr., church pastor, states that the public in general and Mr. Evans' many friends and acquaintances in particular are invited to attend and take part in this day of recognition. Mr. Evans will speak at both the morning and evening services. His topic for the 11 A. M. service will be "Is God There?" and the message for the 8 P. M. service will center around "The Point of No Return."

Rotary To Provide Athletic Bleachers

Members of the Hertford Rotary Club, meeting at Brown's Restaurant last Tuesday night, voted to contribute \$200 to provide additional bleachers for Perquimans High School athletic field. A number of the Rotarians have volunteered their services to assist in the construction of the new bleachers.

Local Store Joins National Retailer

Gregory's 5-10 & 25c Store in Hertford recently became associated with hundreds of other independently owned variety stores by joining the United Variety Retailers, here, was announced by M. J. Gregory. The association will enable the local store, working together with others of the organization, to make purchases enabling it to offer many exceptional values that it was unable to do before. The store plans an advertising program to acquaint the public with these values.

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Farm Census Report Reveals Soybeans Top Crop Harvested In County; Corn Is Second

Results of the January, 1959, farm census survey for Perquimans County as reported by the Crop Reporting Service, Raleigh, showed 108,729 acres of land in farms, which was about the same figure reported for the previous year.

The report showed that of the total land 42 percent was harvested crop land, 2 percent idle, 2 percent improved pasture and 54 percent all other land, woods, waste, etc. Of the harvested crop land 45 percent was devoted to soybeans, making this the top crop in Perquimans, while 39 percent was in corn, 8 percent in peanuts and 8 percent in other crops.

20,984 acres of the land was used for harvesting soybeans and 18,030 acres devoted to corn. Cotton dropped from 1,089 acres in 1957 to only 611 acres in 1958. Total acreages to peanuts during 1958 was reported as being 3,611.

Summarizing the census taken during the 1959 list taking period the Crop Reporting Service stated:

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land reported in the January, 1959 census survey for Perquimans County, 45,816 acres or 42 percent were used to harvest crops in 1958. This was 2,482 acres or 5 percent less than the 48,298 acres used for the crop year 1957. Crops indicating the biggest acreage cuts in 1958 were corn, cotton, lespedeza seed and soybean hay, while some increases were reported in wheat, oats, milo, soybeans for beans and vegetables grown for sale other than Irish and sweet potatoes. The year-end livestock inventories showed an increase in the number of sows kept for breeding and also beef cows, but milk cows were fewer than the year before. All townships except Hertford reported some sheep for a total of 534 sheep and lambs on farm tracts in the county. Of the 4,273 people of all ages reported to be living on farm tracts as of January 1, 1959, there were 377 who worked 100 days or more during 1958 on off-farm jobs. Included in the farm population were 340 people 65 years of age and older.

Perquimans Opens Football Season At Elizabeth City

Although school will not open for another week, football is in the air at Perquimans High School, where Coaches Perry, Williams and Gilliam are putting candidates for the 1959 Indian squad through preliminary drills in preparation for a 10-game grid schedule which the Indians will play this fall.

Coach Perry is anticipating a successful season, having a large number of veterans returning around which he will build this year's team. Some 50 candidates signed up for football this season but the pre-season drills have eliminated a few of these contenders.

Candidates for the team, which opened practice drills on August 15, included Tommy Tarkington, Tommy Tilley, Glenn White, Jimmy Sullivan, Johnny Winslow, Preston Winslow, Donald Madre, Tommy Anderson, Freddie Colson, Ben Gibbs, Billy White, Carson Spivey, Earl Owens, J. C. Spear, Julian Nixon, Reed Matthews, Billy Willis, Franklin McGoogan, Charles Banks, Ed Nixon, Jerry Chappell, Charlie Fowler, Jim Robertson, Riley Williams, Tommy Lane, Waldo Winslow, Buddy Goodman, Charles Eley, Jimmy White, Tommy Biddick, Hubert Burden, Harold Byrum, Johnny Byrum, Richard Auman, Larry Corprew, Frank Ainsley, Larry Winslow, David Brewin, Harry Winslow, Bobby Overton, Carl Overton, Pete Ward, Alden Bray, Lenny Hurdle, Harry Russell, Fenton Eare, Vern Jordan, Billy Pierce, Jerry Stokely, Douglas Sawyer and William Chappell.

Light Docket In Recorder's Court

A light docket consisting of six cases, was disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court presided over by Judge Chas. E. Johnson. George Eisenler paid a fine of \$10.25 and costs of court after he submitted to a charge of speeding.

Sidney Curtis entered a plea of guilty to a charge of being drunk and resisting arrest. He was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 and costs.

Malaria Control Funds Allocated

The State Board of Health has allotted a total of \$1,584 to the Town of Hertford for carrying out malaria control, it was announced this week by Mayor V. N. Darden. \$1,000 of the amount which helps to finance the operations of the mosquito control machine, was received late last week.

CHAPPELL HILL REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY, AUG. 30

The Rev. J. Paul Holoman, pastor of the Chappell Hill Baptist Church, announces that the annual fall revival of the Chappell Hill Baptist Church will begin Sunday morning, August 30, at 11 o'clock and will continue each night at 8 o'clock through Saturday night.

Winslow Named To State Commission

Governor Luther Hodges has announced the appointment of State Senator J. E. Winslow of Hertford, to membership on the Carolina Charter Tenentenary Commission, according to an announcement received here by W. F. Aloney, Chairman of the

Armed Service Chairman Tells Navy To Reconsider Decision On Harvey Point

The powerful Armed Services Committee has entered the picture concerning cancellation by the Navy of the Martin P6M Seastar Program and inactivation of NAS Harvey Point.

Rep. Carl Vinson, chairman of this committee, acting in behalf of Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, has demanded the Navy supply him with full details why the Navy proceeded to the extent it did without discovering that the aircraft either would not perform as planned or for some other reason would not be a desirable addition to the Navy.

News reports Wednesday stated action being taken in Washington applying pressure on the Navy Department may bring about a reversal on the decision to terminate the program and the local base.

The letter written by Mr. Vinson to the Secretary of the Navy was received here Wednesday afternoon by Mayor V. N.

Darlen from Congressman Bonner, who advised the Mayor he will continue to exert efforts to have the local base placed in use.

"Concerning the base at Harvey Point, Chairman Vinson wrote the Secretary of the Navy: "Second, I find from the material accompanying the letter sent to me that over \$12,000,000 has been expended at the Naval Air Station, Harvey Point, North Carolina, and that the facility will apparently now be placed in an inactive status in partially completed condition and will perform no function whatsoever for your department.

"Neither the letter or its enclosure refer to another very important aspect of the construction at Harvey Point. It is my understanding that your department urged the State of North Carolina to construct at least one bridge and two roads on the assurance that an installation costing in the order of

\$50,000,000 would be built. The State proceeded with this work and has, I understand, completed one road and a bridge and is even now proceeding with work on the second road.

"I feel that it is essential that a profitable use be made of the Harvey Point facility either in its present uncompleted condition or after whatever additional work is done to make it a useable installation. I would consider it completely indefensible to permit the facility on which are located \$12,000,000 of structures so recently constructed to be abandoned. I must insist that a study be initiated immediately to discover to what use NAS, Harvey Point, can be put and I will expect a prompt and profitable conclusion of this study.

"I will ask that your response relating to both the cancellation of the contract and the status of NAS, Harvey Point, be furnished at the earliest possible date."

Rebecca Lee Cox Becomes Bride Of Fenton C. Hurdle

The marriage of Miss Rebecca Lee Cox and Fenton Hurdle was solemnized in a candlelight service Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Hertford Baptist Church before a large group of friends and relatives.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Cox and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Hurdle of Hertford.

The Rev. J. O. Mattox, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony in a setting of mums, gladiolus, fern and palms, all softly lighted by cathedral candles.

Mrs. J. E. White, organist, presented a program of nuptial music and accompanied Miss Shelby Jean Overton and Bobby Overton who sang a duet, "Oh Perfect Love," Johnny Phillips who sang "Because" and Miss Overton singing "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was lovely in a gown of chantilly lace designed with an Empire bodice with scalloped neckline trimmed in seed pearls and sequins, long sleeves ending in points over the hands and the bouffant skirt falling softly into a chapel length train. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a medieval hat made of seed pearls and sequins. She carried a bridal bouquet of sweetheart roses centered with a white orchid. She wore tiny pearl earrings, a gift from the bridegroom.

Miss Linda Bass, cousin of the bride, was maid of honor.

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Navy Calls Conference To Determine Action On Work Contracts At Harvey Point

Final decisions concerning the status of current construction contracts now under way at the Harvey Point Naval site will be made at a conference of high Navy officials in Washington Friday morning.

This is the information supplied to this newspaper by the Public Information Office, Fifth Naval District, Norfolk, at noon Tuesday.

Reports issued by the Navy following cancellation of the Seastar program Friday of last week indicated the Navy planned to complete all work at the site covered by contracts already awarded to contractors. However, Ernest C. Harris, Jr., Assistant for Public Information, informed this reporter Tuesday that a conference had been called for Friday morning at which time the Navy will evaluate contracts now in force for the purpose of determining

which contracts, if any, are to be carried out to completion. It appears if the Navy can save funds by cancelling out some of these current contracts the action will be taken.

Following the announcement last week that the Navy Department had cancelled out the P6M Seastar program, including reactivation of the base at Hertford, officials of the Fifth Naval District were of the opinion contracts now under way would be completed, calling for activity at the site for several months to come.

However, the decision made Tuesday to hold a conference on this matter later this week indicates some if not all of the work will be terminated immediately.

Cdr. Donald F. Dalton, resident officer in charge of construction at Harvey Point, told this reporter earlier this week about 75 per cent of the work under current contracts had been completed but the remaining 25 per cent of the projects might require another six to seven months to complete. He stated present employment figures for the site runs to about 200 persons. Many of these will be retained in the event the Navy decides to finish the construction covered in the contract in force at the present time.

Admiral F. Massie Hughes, Fifth Naval District commandant at Norfolk, was quoted Sunday as stating no new funds will be allocated to the project and present Navy plans were for the site to be placed on a caretaker basis when authorized construction was completed.

Residents of Hertford accepted the Navy cancellation announcement with some regret but not surprise, since rumors had circulated for some time predicting the action taken by the Navy Department. Due to speculation over the future of the base, residents of this community had adopted a wait and see attitude before plunging into an expansion program in anticipation of community growth resulting from the base activity.

This conservative action on the part of local residents will permit a readjustment to the loss of the prospective base without undue hardship or burden.

Speculation has arisen in a number of places, including Norfolk, concerning future status of the site located at Harvey Point but other than stating the site will be placed in reserve, the Navy isn't talking. However, one source in Norfolk close to Naval operations is of the opinion that after a period of time the Navy will make an attempt to utilize the installation for some purpose, thus putting to use the projects which have cost some 1 1/2 million dollars.

The money expended at the local site was only a small portion of the total cost of the project. (Continued on Page 2)

School Officials Adopt Car Driving Rules For Students

Perquimans County School officials, faced with a number of disciplinary problems arising as a result of students driving personal cars to Perquimans High School, have adopted the following regulations to be observed by students desiring to drive their cars to the school.

To qualify for use privilege students must: Maintain passing grades on all subjects; have written request from parents stating reasons for using other than school bus transportation; request to be approved by the principal and list submitted to the Board of Education; cars to be parked in assigned places and keys filed in the office of the principal; no sitting in cars or using cars during school hours; no student cars to be driven on school grounds during school hours and car permits will be cancelled by the principal if any school regulation is not followed.

This action was taken after careful study by the local school officials and is in line with action being taken by school authorities elsewhere in the nation.

According to an article published by the National Education Association, surveys reveal students achieve higher scholastic standings when they do not drive personal cars to school. Conditions also exist here in the picture causing handicaps to certain students. Other problems which arise include the article stated, joy-riding during school hours, hot-rodding at the school and even beer drinking in the cars.

The article pointed out many private schools, but few public schools, have absolute prohibitions against student driving. Local authorities here the rules they have adopted for the school year will help prevent some of these problems from arising in the local schools.

Bethel Ruritan Club To Sponsor Circus Sept. 8th

The elephants are coming to Hertford. Circus Day in Hertford will be Tuesday, September 8, with the arrival of the Bears-Barnes Circus, oldest tented circus in America today, and one of the surviving dozen Big Top Trained Animals Shows on the road.

The circus is being sponsored by the Bethel Ruritan Club and will locate at the Harris lot on Grubb Street for a one-day engagement with performances at 7 and 8 P. M.

Presented this season under a new, white circus tent, the Big Top Show from Florida offers a program of 25 trained animal and circus acts, including two acts formerly with the late Ringling Bros. Circus Big Top performance and the Tom Packs Shrine Circus. They are, "Harold, world's finest backward somersaulting wire artist, and Don Mauricio and Julie the famous Chilian jugglers. The largest of the Bears-Barnes Circus elephants is four-ton Congo Alice, the biggest performing elephant in America who obliges with her interpretation of the "Rock 'n Roll." Capt. Walt Davis is also featured with his Liberty Horse Act, and Capt. Willis with his bicycle-riding chimps.

Members of the Bethel Ruritan Club are now conducting an advance sale of General Admission tickets and will receive a substantial portion of all sales made before Circus Day. Dewey Parry, Jr., president of the club, said, "The Bears-Barnes Circus, billed as America's favorite family circus, recently won the distinction of receiving the only blanket endorsement accorded a traveling show by a National Service Club organization."

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SONNY MATHEWS

Sunday will be "Off-To-College" Day at the Hertford Baptist Church. College students will be honored at a special supper at 6:30 then they will attend a special "Off-To-College" service at the evening worship hour. Bev Tucker will preside at the service, Bobby Overton will lead the singing and be in charge of the special music and Sonny Mathews will bring the message. At the conclusion of the service, Sonny Mathews will be presented his license for entering the ministry by the church. Sonny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Mathews and will enter Campbell College in September to begin his preparation for the ministry.

Mrs. G. R. Tucker is in charge of the supper. Between 45 and 50 students and their guests are expected to attend.

The evening service begins at 8 o'clock and interested friends in the community are cordially invited to attend.